

REMARKS

Claims 1-16, 18, 20-38, 43 and 45-47 are pending in the present application. Claim 45 is amended above. No new matter is added by the amendments. Entry is respectfully requested.

The Applicant notes, with appreciation, that the Office Action indicates at page 3, paragraph 4, that claims 1-16, 18, 20-38, 43, 46 and 47 are allowed.

The specification is objected to for reasons stated in the Office Action. The specification is amended above in a manner consistent with suggestions provided in the Office Action. Entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the objections are respectfully requested.

Claim 45 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wang (U.S. Patent Number 4,926,522). Reconsideration and removal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

In the present invention as claimed in independent claim 45, a mount includes an elongated body having a longitudinal axis, a curtain interface coupled to an upper surface of the body and a coupler adapted for coupling the elongated body to a mounting member in a direction transverse to the longitudinal axis of the body. The position of the coupler is adjustable over a range of positions relative to the longitudinal axis of the body. The position of the coupler is determined according to indexed positions on the body that are spaced apart by a fixed distance along the longitudinal axis of the body.

Wang fails to teach or suggest a mount including a coupler that includes "an interface adapted to receive a mounting member in a direction transverse to the longitudinal axis of the body," as claimed in claim 45. In Wang, the threaded stud insert 62 of the rod 71 mates with the end of the pole 11 in a manner such that the pole 11 and rod 71 are co-axial, and therefore are not transverse to each other.

Wang further fails to teach or suggest a mount in which a “position of the coupler is determined according to indexed positions on the body that are spaced apart by a fixed distance along the longitudinal axis of the body,” as claimed in independent claim 45. In Wang, while the position of the adaptor 65 can be adjusted relative to the pole 11 by rotating the adaptor 65 relative to the pole 11 about threaded stud insert 62, as asserted in the Office Action, such rotational adjustment does not affect the position of the rod 71 (asserted in the Office Action as being analogous to the “elongated body” of claim 45) relative to the adaptor 65 (asserted in the Office Action as being analogous to the “coupler” of claim 45). Therefore, such rotational adjustment does not result in the rod 71 and adapter 65 having indexed positions relative to each other. Nor does Wang teach that the position of the rod 71 relative to the adapter 65 is determined according to indexed positions on the body of the rod 71 that are spaced apart by a fixed distance along the longitudinal axis of the rod 71.

It is therefore submitted that Wang fails to teach or suggest a mount including a coupler that includes “an interface adapted to receive a mounting member in a direction transverse to the longitudinal axis of the body,” and in which a “position of the coupler is determined according to indexed positions on the body that are spaced apart by a fixed distance along the longitudinal axis of the body,” as claimed in independent claim 45. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejection of independent claim 45 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wang, and allowance of the claim, are respectfully requested.

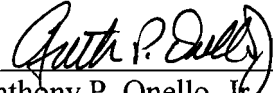
Closing Remarks

It is submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If prosecution of the application can be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number given below.

Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 501798 in the amount of \$60.00 and for any additional fees which may be due or to credit any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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